Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Substitute for Form 1449/PTO					Complete if Known		
					Application Number	10/544,159	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as nocessary)				IIDE	Filing Date	March 13, 2006	
					First Named Inventor	Peter STAUSS	
				7141	Art Unit	2814	
				Examiner Name	Weiss, Howard		
Sheet	1	of	1		Attorney Docket Number	5367-191PUS	

				TENT DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. 1	Document Number  Number-Kind-Code <sup>2 (if</sup> known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		US-5,196,354	03-23-1993	Ohtaka et al.	
		US-			

			FOREIGN	PATENT DOCUMENTS		
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. 1	Foreign Patent Document  Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind-Code <sup>5</sup> (If known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Te
		JP 3-102876	04-30-1991	Otaka et al.		Abstract
		JP 2001-501778	02-06-2001	Kelly et al.		Abstract

## ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /HW/

Ì	Signature	/Howard Weiss/	Considered	12/11/2000	ı		
				1411114000			
*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered, Include							

copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document, 'Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. 'Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS, SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231. If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.